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SUBJ: GOP PROTEST ON SUBIC SEARCH INCIDENT

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOTE
DATED APRIL 7. BEGIN QUOTE

THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS
COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICAN AND HAS THE HONOR TO DRAW THE EMBASSY'S
ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING REPORT RECEIVED BY THE
DEPAJTMET FROM THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER
AT THE UNITED STATES NAVAL BASE, SUBIC BAY:

1. AT ABOUT 151700 HOURS MARCH 1976 IN THE MAIN
NAVY EXCHANGE, U.S. NAVAL STATION, SUBIC BAY, TWENTY-
FIVE (25) FEMALE EMPLOYEES OF NAVY EXCHANGE, MOST OF
THEM SALESCLERKS WERE TOLD TO LINE UP ALONG THE CORRIDOR
OF THE FEMALE COMFORT ROOM FOR BODILY SEARCH. THE
SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED BY MISS C. LICHTENBERG AND
MISS D. FLOYD THRU THE INSTRUCTION OF MR. E.H. PULCH,
SECURITY OFFICER AND CDR R. VERPLASTSE, NAVY EXCHANGE
OFFICER. ONE BY ONE THE SALESCLERKS WERE TOLD TO
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ENTER THE LADIES ROOM. THEY WERE TOLD TO REMOVE

THEIR BLOUSE AND PANTS TO CHECK IF THEY ARE TAX FREE ITEMS CONCEALED IN THEIR BODY. NOT CONTENTED WITH THE FRISKING OF THE BODY AND TAKING OFF THE BLOUSE AND PANTS, THE SECURITY CLERKS CONDUCTING THE SEARCH REQUIRED THE GIRLS TO REMOVE THEIR BRAS AND PANTIES. THE SEARCH GAVE NEGATIVE RESULTS.

2. THE FEDERATION OF FILIPINO CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATIONS IN U.S. BASES IN THE PHILIPPINES IS TAKING ACTION AGAINST U.S. PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBJECTING THESE BASE EMPLOYEES FOR UNNECESSARY INDIGNITIES.

3. ATTACHED IS A LIST OF PX EMPLOYEES WHO WERE SEARCHED. THOSE WITH ASTERISK STRIPPED OF THEIR BRAS AND PANTIES DURING THE SEARCH. THE OTHER LIST SHOWS THE ITEMS CONFISCATED FROM THE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE PROCEDURE RESORTED TO BY THE BASE AUTHORITIES WAS MOST UNKIND, DEGRADING, AND UNCALLED FOR. IT BE- SPEAKS A CONTEMPT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY AND A WANTON DISREGARD FOR BASIC VALUES. CERTAINLY, A CIVILIZED AND HUMANE APPROACH COULD HAVE BEEN USED TO ACHIEVE THE

SAME END.

THEREFORE, THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT PROTESTS MOST STRONGLY THE EMPLOYMENT OF SUCH PROCEDURE AND ASKS THAT IT BE DISCARDED IMMEDIATELY. FURTHER, THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT ASKS THAT THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES EXTEND FULL COOPERATION TO THE PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES IN REGARD TO THE PROSECUTION OF THE CHARGES TO BE BROUGHT OR ALREADY BROUGHT BY TYE OFFENDED PARTIES AGAINST THE PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AFORE- MENTIONED INDIGNITIES.

THE DEPARTMENT AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

END QUOTE

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2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO WORK OUT ANODYNE STATEMENT WITH SUBIC FOR RELEASE TO PRESS BY THE BASE. DFA HAS RELEASED FULL TEXT OF NOTE IN PRESS RELEASE DATED APRIL 10.
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